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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct activities intended to enhance the survival of endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits certain activities that may impact endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL**

REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (e.g., **Permit No. TE-XXXXXX**).

- *Email:* permitsR6ES@fws.gov. Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., **Permit No. TE-XXXXXX**) in the subject line of the message.
- *U.S. Mail:* Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486–DFC, Denver, CO 80225.
- *In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or Pickup:* Call (719) 628–2670 to make an appointment during regular business hours at 134 Union Blvd., Suite 645, Lakewood, CO 80228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Konishi, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, (719) 628–2670 (phone); permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The Act and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for copies to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the permit number for the application when submitting comments. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit Applications

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Application Number	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of Take	Permit Action
TE040510-1	ERO Resources Corporation	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)	Colorado	Survey and monitoring	Spotlight survey	Amend
TE051826-1	Louisville Zoological Gardens	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)	Kentucky	Captive propagation	Handle, captive propagation, and husbandry	Renew
TE053925-3	National Park Service, Niobrara National Scenic River	Interior least tern (<i>Sternula antillarum athalassos</i>)	Nebraska	Survey and monitoring	Capture, band, tag, bio sample, and release	Amend
TE37351A-1	Stephen Spomer, University of Nebraska, Lincoln	Salt Creek tiger beetle (<i>Cicindoea nevadica lincolniana</i>)	Nebraska	Captive propagation	Capture, handle, captive propagation, and release	Renew
TE131398-1	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)	South Dakota	Survey and monitoring	Spotlight survey, trap, vaccinate, mark, tag	Renew
TE051139-2	Turner Endangered Species Fund, LLC	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)	New Mexico	Survey and monitoring	Spotlight survey, trap, vaccinate, mark, tag	Renew
TE040748-1	Cheyenne Mountain Zoo	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>), Wyoming toad (<i>Anaxyrus baxteri</i>), Mexican wolf (<i>Canis lupus ssp. Baileyi</i>)	Colorado	Captive propagation, educational display	Capture, handle, captive propagation, and release	Renew

TE047285-1	U.S. Geological Survey, Fort Peck	Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>)	Montana, North Dakota	Survey, monitor, tag, transport, and stock	Capture, handle, and release	Renew
TR052582-1	TRC Environmental Corporation	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>), Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming	Survey and monitoring	Spotlight surveys, playback calls	Renew
TE27486B-1	Wetland Dynamics, LLC	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Colorado	Survey and monitoring	Playback calls	Amend
TE37337A-1	National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium	Wyoming toad (<i>Anaxyrus baxteri</i>)	Iowa	Captive propagation, educational display	Handle, captive propagation, and husbandry	Renew
TE064682-1	Prairie Wildlife Research Corporation	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)	Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah	Survey and monitoring	Spotlight survey, trap, vaccinate, mark, tag	Renew
TE26580C-0	Milu Velarde	New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>),	Colorado, Kansas	Survey and monitoring	Capture, handle, and release	New

TE26583C-0	Chicago Botanic Garden	Wright's fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>)	Utah	Remove and reduce to possession	Survey, collect spines for genetic analysis	New
TE09941B-2	Felsburg Holt and Ullevig	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalist</i>)	Iowa	Survey and monitoring	Mist net, mark and recapture	Amend
TE121911-1	Bureau of Land Management, White River Field Office	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)	Colorado	Survey and monitoring	Spotlight survey, trap, vaccinate, mark, tag	Renew

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to these requests will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed above in **ADDRESSES**.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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